

CLAIMS

1 1. A storable, high-rise, pet barrier for preventing pets from accessing furniture, the
2 barrier comprising: a plurality of pivotally joined members expansible to a length at least
3 substantially equal to the front facing width of a section of furniture, the barrier, in its
4 expanded state having the members distributed along its width for blocking the entry of a
5 pet, the joined members being collapsible to a compact, side by side state for storage.

1 2. A barrier according to claim 1, further comprising connectors joining the members
2 together, said connectors being a upper hinge connector and a lower hinge connector to
3 which said members are pivotally attached, the hinge connectors allowing movement of
4 said members from a collapsed configuration to an extended configuration.

1 3. A barrier according to claim 2, further comprising a plurality of replications of said
2 joined members and connectors in a repeating pattern for a selected distance at least
3 substantially equal to the front facing width of a section of furniture.

1 4. A barrier according to claim 2, wherein adjacent members are pivotally joined together
2 intermediate their ends.

1 5. A barrier according to claim 4, wherein said lower hinge connectors acts as support
2 feet, having at least one flat end for seating against a surface.

1 6. A barrier according to claim 5, wherein said members are pivotally connected by
2 midpoint pivots, as well as being pivotally connected at said upper hinge connector and
3 said lower hinge connector so that the barrier expands or contracts as a whole.

1 7. A barrier according to claim 6, wherein said midpoint pivots are rivets.

1 8. A storable, high-rise, pet barrier for preventing pets from accessing furniture, the
2 barrier comprising:

3 a. a plurality of pivotally joined members expansible to a length at least
4 substantially equal to the front facing width of a section of furniture, the barrier, in its
5 expanded state, having the members distributed along its width for blocking the entry of a
6 pet, the barrier having a height at least substantially equal to the height of the legs of the
7 pet, the joined members being pivotally connected by midpoint pivots so that the barrier
8 expands or contracts as a whole and is collapsible to a compact, side by side state for
9 storage; and

10 b. a plurality of hinge connectors joining the members together, said connectors
11 including upper hinge connectors and a lower hinge connectors to which said joined
12 members are pivotally attached.

1 9. A barrier according to claim 8, further comprising a plurality of replications of said
2 joined members and connectors in a repeating pattern for a selected distance at least
3 substantially equal to the front facing width of a section of furniture in an expanded state.

1 10. A barrier according to claim 8, wherein said lower hinge connectors act as support
2 feet, having at least one flat end for seating against a surface, said lower hinge connectors
3 being movable generally towards a central area as said members move from said
4 extended configuration towards a collapsed configuration.

1 11. A barrier according to claim 10, wherein the hinge connectors include pins that
2 pivotally engage the members.

1 12. A barrier according to claim 11, wherein said midpoint pivots are rivets.

1 13. A barrier according to claim 8, wherein said members are rods.

1 14. A method for preventing a pet from accessing furniture, the method comprising:
2 expanding an expansible structure across the front of a piece of furniture to a
3 width and height to block the entire front of the furniture from entry by a pet.